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Agenda Item 3

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION

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CRITICAL REVIEW FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS

MONITORING PROGRESS OF STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

COMMENTS OF CHAIRPERSONS OR HOST COUNTRIES AND UPDATED STATUS OF COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

***Ad hoc* Intergovernmental Task Force on the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods**

See attached Table

Codex Committee on Milk and Milk Products

Draft Model Export Certificate for Milk and Milk Products

Adopted at Step 5 by the 29th CAC in 2006. New Zealand expects this standard to be finalised at the 8th session taking into account the outcomes of CCFICS and the pre-plenary Working Group discussions.

Codex Committee on Food Labelling

Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Labelling of Foods obtained through certain techniques of GM/GE: Labelling Provisions

Working groups on this subject continue to be supported by Committee members. This is seen as critically important to developing countries to enhance knowledge and understanding of the subject.

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

The updated status is presented in the attached Table.

Codex Committee on Food Hygiene

The updated status is presented in the attached Table with the comments of the Chairperson.

Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems

The updated status is presented in the attached Table (as communicated by the Host Country Secretariat).

Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses 12-16 November 2007						
Guidelines for Use of Nutrition Claims: Draft Table of Contents for Nutrient Contents (Part B Containing Provisions on Dietary Fibre)	1995		6	1.3	FAO/WHO scientific update on carbohydrates in human nutrition	Postponed by the 29 th Session to allow time for consideration of the scientific papers published shortly before the meeting. The Committee had a discussion on the outcome of the FAO/WHO scientific update.
Draft Revised Standard for Gluten-Free Foods	1991		8	1.3		Finalised after extensive discussion at the 29 th Session. It will be forwarded for endorsement to CCFL.
Draft Advisory Lists of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intended for Infants and Young Children	1999		8	1.3		Finalized by the 29 th Session for final adoption.
Proposed Draft Recommendations on the Scientific Basis of Health Claims	2003		2/3	1.3		Returned to Step 2/3 for further redrafting in the light of the discussion on the structure and content of the document held at the 29 th Session.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods 25-29 February 2008						
Proposed Draft International Code of Practice for the Processing and Handling of Quick Frozen Foods	2000	2008	3	1.1 1.2		After being returned to Step 3 by the 28 th CAC (2005), further work on quality provisions by correspondence was coordinated by the US Secretariat, but this did not allow to solve all outstanding issues.

						<p>The 29th CAC (2006) therefore decided to establish an intergovernmental Task Force, hosted by Thailand, to discuss and finalise both safety and quality provisions in the Code, which was returned to Step 3.</p>
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee (November 2007):</p> <p>The Proposed Draft Code was planned to be circulated for comments at Step 3 for two rounds. Comments received at the first round of comments showed positive supports of the Proposed Draft Code. It seemed that most of the outstanding issues could possibly be solved. The revised Proposed Draft Code is now being circulated for final round comments before consideration at the Task Force meeting in February 2008.</p>						

<p>Codex Committee on Food Hygiene 30 October - 4 November 2007</p>						
<p>Annex: Guidance on Microbiological Risk Management Metrics</p>	1997	2009	5/8	1.1		<p>Annex to the Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Management (officially approved as new work in 1997- work on the Annex initiated by the Committee in 2003).</p> <p>Annexes advanced for adoption at Step 5/8</p>
<p>Annex: Application of Food Safety Metrics in Risk Management Decision Making – Pasteurized Liquid Whole Eggs</p>	2001		4	1.1		<p>CCFH initiated work on this Annex in 2005 - Since the structure of the microbiological risk management metrics annex had substantially changed and was completed there was no longer any need to develop the proposed annex on liquid eggs therefore the Committee agreed that this work be removed from the Committees agenda and to inform the Commission accordingly.</p>

Proposed Draft Revision of the Recommended International Code of Practice for Foods for Infants and Children	N10-2004	2010	5/8	1.1	FAO/WHO meetings on <i>E. sakazakii</i> , <i>Salmonella</i> and other pathogens in powdered infant formula in 2004 and 2006	The 39 th CCFH agreed to forward the main body of the Code and Annexes I and III for final adoption at Step 5/8 and returned Annex II on Follow-up Formula to Step 2 for further work. This Annex needs additional scientific advice from FAO/WHO.
Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food Safety Control Measures	2002	2009	5/8	1.1		Advanced to Step 5/8 for adoption by the 31 st session of the Commission.
Microbiological Criteria for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in Ready-to-Eat Foods	2001 49 th CCEXEC	2009	2/3	1.1		The 38 th CCFH (2006) initiated work on the criteria. Previously, a different approach (focused on microbiological criteria in terms of risk management metrics such as FSOs, Performance Objectives, etc.) had been the goal for this section. CCFH 38 agreed to a target date of 2009 for this section. To be inserted in the Guidelines on the Application of General Principles of Food Hygiene to the Control of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in Foods. The 39 th Session of the CCFH agreed to return this Annex to Step 2/3.

Comments by the Chairperson

Annex: Application of Food safety Metrics in Risk Management Decision Making

CCFH completed work on this document and is sending it to the Commission for consideration for final adoption at Step 5/8.

Annex: Application of Food Safety Metrics in Risk Management Decision Making – Pasteurized Liquid Whole Eggs

CCFH decided to cease work on this document and remove it from the committee’s agenda. CCFH, therefore, suggests that this work be terminated.

Proposed Draft Revision of the Recommended International Code of Practice for Foods for Infants and Children

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Proposed Draft Guidelines for the Validation of Food Safety Control Measures

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Microbiological Criteria for Listeria monocytogenes in Ready-to-Eat Foods

CCFH sent this document back to the Working Group for further work at Step 3.

<p>Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems 26-30 Nov 2007</p>						
<p>Proposed Draft Appendix to the Guidelines on the Judgement of Equivalence of Sanitary Measures Associated with Food Inspection and Certification</p>	<p>N04-2004</p>	<p>NS</p>	<p>5/8</p>	<p>1.4</p>		<p>Appendix advanced by 16CCFICS (November 2007) to the 31st Session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission for adoption at Step 5/8.</p>